

CHAPTER NO. 244

SENATE BILL NO. 789

By McNally, Miller, Graves

Substituted for: House Bill No. 703

By Sherry Jones, McMillan, Caldwell

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 32, relative to the independent review process of health maintenance organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-227(a)(4), is amended by deleting the phrase "one thousand dollars (\$1,000)" and inserting instead the phrase "five hundred dollars (\$500)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-227(b)(2), is amended by deleting the phrase "one hundred dollars (\$100)" and inserting instead the phrase "fifty dollars (\$50)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-227(b)(5), is amended by deleting the phrase "seven (7)" and inserting instead "five (5)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-227, is amended by creating a new subsection to be appropriately designated to read as follows:

Nothing in this section shall relieve a health maintenance organization of its obligations under Section 56-32-210. The rights of an enrollee to initiate judicial proceedings or to seek independent review pursuant to this section are supplementary to, and not in lieu of, the enrollee's rights under Section 56-32-210.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 17, 1999


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of May 1999


DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR